Please amend the present application as follows:

## Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("\_\_\_") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—\_"), as is applicable:

1. (Previously presented) An image capture appliance configured for connection to a network and communication with a device connected to the network, the appliance comprising:

a processing device configured to control operation of the image capture appliance;

memory including logic configured to receive software via the network that facilitates communication between the image capture appliance and the device from a software source; and

- a network interface device with which the image capture appliance communicates with the software source.
- 2. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to transmit approval to the software source in response to a notification from the software source of the availability of the software.
- 3. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to transmit approval only upon authorization received by a user of the appliance.

- 4. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, further comprising logic configured to actively retrieve software from the software source.
- 5. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 4, wherein the logic configured to actively retrieve software is adapted to periodically search for software for the appliance.
- 6. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 4, wherein the logic configured to actively retrieve software is adapted to search for software for the appliance in response to a communication from the software source.
- 7. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to receive executables and data structures for accessing the device.
- 8. (Previously presented) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a digital camera.
- 9. (Previously presented) An appliance configured for direct connection to a network and communication with a device connected to the network, the appliance comprising:

a processing device configured to control operation of the appliance;

an acquisition module adapted to receive software that facilitates communication between the appliance and the device from a software source; and

a network interface device with which the appliance communicates with the software source

wherein the appliance is one of an image capture appliance, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone.

- 10. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the acquisition module is adapted to transmit approval to the software source in response to a notification from the software source of the availability of the software.
- 11. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, further comprising means for actively retrieving software from the software source.
- 12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the means for actively retrieving software are adapted to periodically search for software for the appliance.
- 13. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the means for actively retrieving software are adapted to search for software for the appliance in response to a communication from the software source.
- 14. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the appliance is a digital camera.

15. (Previously presented) A network storage device, comprising: a processing device configured to control operation of the device;

memory including logic configured to receive software that facilitates communication between a digital camera and a separate network device, and including logic configured to transmit software to the network appliance; and

a network interface device with which the network storage device communicates with the network appliance.

16. (Previously presented) A method for enabling communications between an appliance and a separate device, wherein the appliance is one of an image capture appliance, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone, the method comprising:

automatically receiving software with the appliance that facilitates communication between the appliance and the separate device; and

storing the software in memory of the appliance such that the appliance is adapted to communicate with the separate device.

- 17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising receiving a notification from a source of software with the appliance regarding the availability of the software prior to receiving the software.
- 18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising automatically searching for software over a network to which the appliance is connected.

- 19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein automatically searching is conducted on a periodic basis.
- 20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein automatically searching is conducted in response to a communication from the separate device.